

## COMMUNITY

## Meetings

• **LA GRANDE** — The Board of Directors of the La Grande School District will convene Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. at Central Elementary School. The meeting will be available online and phone. Meeting access information is explained on the agenda available at [www.lagrandesd.org](http://www.lagrandesd.org).

• **IMBLER** — The Imbler School Board will meet virtually Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 8 a.m. to approve a revised SIA Grant agreement. The meeting is open to the public. For instructions on attending the virtual meeting, call the Imbler School District at 541-534-5331.

## Briefs

## View ballot tally machine test Tuesday

LA GRANDE — There will be a public test of the ballot tally machine on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m. in the Union County Clerk's Office, 1001 Fourth St., Suite D, La Grande. Anyone who would like to witness this test is welcome to attend. Three people at a time are allowed so viewing will be staggered to accommodate as many as possible. Masks are required.

## Sign up for flu shot

LA GRANDE — The Center for Human Development, 2301 Cove Ave., La Grande, is holding a flu shot clinic Friday, Oct. 30, from 12:30-5 p.m. The clinic is open to the public by appointment only, which may be arranged by calling 541-962-8800.

## Wallowa County Rotary launches fundraiser

ENTERPRISE — Every year the Wallowa County Rotary Club has given college scholarships to high school students from all county schools. The club is selling Prairie Creek organic vegetables and 6-Ranch natural ground beef.

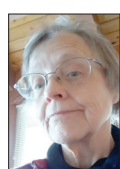
The options are 20 pounds of potatoes for \$35, or a package deal of 10 pounds potatoes, 5 pounds carrots, 2 pounds beets and 1 pound of ground beef for \$45, and \$15 of each purchase is tax deductible.

Orders will be accepted until Nov. 6 and may be picked up at the Joseph Center in Joseph and the EM & M building in Enterprise. For information, contact Rich Wandschneider at 541-263-0930, [rich.wandschneider@gmail.com](mailto:rich.wandschneider@gmail.com), or talk with any Wallowa County Rotarian.

## Beverly A. Penz

1948-2020 • La Grande

Beverly Ann Long Penz, 72, of La Grande, died Oct. 20 at a local care facility from pancreatic cancer. Due to COVID-19, a memorial ceremony will be held in the future.



Beverly, also known as Bev, was born Aug. 9, 1948, in Chicago. She was a graduate of Immaculata High School and held degrees from both the University of Illinois in Champaign and in Chicago. While working in the Department of Research and Development in Chicago's City Hall in the 1970s, she met her future husband of many years, Cyril Saxonberg. Together, like frontiersmen, in 1979 they left their urban roots and moved to Oregon.

Beverly attended the University of Oregon Law School and obtained a doctor of jurisprudence degree. In 1986, she began her law career in Union County, where she worked as a deputy district attorney and later as a defense attorney in private practice until her retirement in 2001.

Nobody could spin a yarn like Beverly, who delighted in talking about her dogs, friends, books, genealogy research and all things Chicago. Before being sidelined by a knee injury, she was an avid tennis player, runner and softball player. Her other hobbies included playing the banjo, gardening and canning homegrown fruits and vegetables. She was fortunate to have many dear friends, including Janet, Brittany, and David Pryce who cared for her throughout her devastating illness.

Surviving relatives include her stepson, Steven Saxonberg of Prague, Czech Republic; stepdaughter, Diane Boles of Mad-

ison, Wisconsin; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cyril, and her parents and brother.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grande Ronde Hospital Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 3290, La Grande 97850, or the Blue Mountain Humane Association, 3212 Highway 30, La Grande 97850.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com).

## Walter 'Fred' E. Blackman

1948-2020 • La Grande

Walter "Fred" Emmett Blackman, 71, of La Grande, died Oct. 23 at his



residence. A graveside service will be held Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Island City Cemetery. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Attendees must wear a mask and practice social distancing to meet COVID-19 guidelines.

Walter was born March 31, 1948, in La Grande, to Walter and Phyllis (Moss) Blackman. He resided in Albany for nine years and in La Grande. He attended Island City Elementary School and La Grande Middle and High schools. He later attended Oregon State University. Walter served in the United States National Guard. He married Leslie Chadwick on Sept. 23, 1967.

Walter was employed with Northrup King for nine years in Portland/Albany and with Farnam's Auto Parts and Blue Mountain Auto Parts for 32 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, ATV riding, horn mounting, anything outdoors and spending time

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with his family. He was a hunter safety instructor for 20 years and earned several awards and acknowledgments.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Leslie; sons and daughters-in-law, Curtis and Candy Blackman and Blaine and Amie Blackman, all of La Grande; brothers and sisters-in-law, Randy and Ellen Blackman of La Grande, Tom and Betty Blackman of Island City and Bart and Amy Blackman of North Carolina; sisters and brothers-in-law, Elva and Mitch Emmons of Eugene and Teresa and Ken Moody of La Grande; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and 25 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Phyllis, and several aunts and uncles.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com](http://www.lovelandfuneral-chapel.com).

## Terri M. McDowell

1949-2020 • Elgin

Terri Marie McDowell, 70, of Elgin, died Sept. 21 at Grande Ronde Hospital. A service will be held at a later date due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Terri was born Dec. 7, 1949, in La Grande, to Terrence and Jessie (Wilson) McDowell. She joined older

brother, Bill, and was followed by younger brother, Kelly. Terri grew up in Elgin where she spent her childhood playing with her brothers, friends and cousins and going to family picnics and gatherings, which she dearly loved. She attended Elgin schools and graduated in 1968. She celebrated her 50th EHS reunion with her class in 2018.

Terri loved dolls, stuffed toys and novelty toys and had a collection that would fill up a room. She really liked watching cartoons and was happy staying indoors. All her life, Terri loved and protected children. She was a babysitter to many over the years but never had her own. She did have dogs, though, and spoiled them like children.

After graduating from Blue Mt. Community College in 1972, she became a bookkeeper for Sherm's/Thunderbird Grocery in Grants Pass and Medford, where her career spanned 34 years from 1975-2009. Many long-time friendships were made in these communities.

Terri loved to read and was good at remembering her family's history. She loved parties and birthdays and a good joke always. She loved to laugh. She had a jolly personality and no one can ever remember her being grumpy. Even when



Please follow guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing at all services.

Nov. 6 — **WALTER "FRED" BLACKMAN:** 10 a.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery (casual dress preferred).  
— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

she was feeling rotten, when asked how she was, she always said, "I'm good."

Terri loved the Lord, and it is a great comfort to those she left behind to know she is with him.

Surviving relatives include her brothers, Bill of Cove and Kelly and his wife, Kathy, of La Grande; stepsiblings; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Terrence and Jessie, and her stepfather.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a children's hospital or a charity of your choice.

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## Island City Mayor

## FRIDAY, OCT. 23

10:20 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2000 block of Gekeler Lane on a report of an assault. The officer determined the report was unfounded and contacted mental health services.

1:36 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a sex crime.

2:12 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to Walmart, 11619 Island Ave., Island City, on a report of shoplifting. A deputy arrested Collin Drew Dittmer, 20, for aggravated theft.

4:18 p.m. — A caller reported the theft of a vehicle from the 1500 block of 26th Street, La Grande. An officer responded and took a report.

7:17 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office responded to the 200 block of South First Street, Union, and arrested Richard James Stubbs, 43, on a Texas felony warrant for aggravated sexual assault.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 24

2:48 a.m. — La Grande police received a noise complaint from the 100 block of Fir Street. An of-

ficer responded and explained options.

6:33 a.m. — A caller requested assistance with a possible transient issue at L Avenue and Willow Street, La Grande. An officer responded but did not find anyone involved.

1:03 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a dog bite victim in Elgin. The animal enforcement officer took a report.

6:18 p.m. — La Grande police assisted with a mentally ill person on the 1500 block of Adams Avenue.

7:12 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of Adams Avenue for a fight. Police arrived and took a report.

10:07 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy stopped a vehicle at Island Avenue and Albany Street, La Grande, and arrested Franklin Edward Chase, 54, of La Grande, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 25

12:45 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a noise complaint from the 10300 block of White Birch Lane, La Grande. A deputy respond-

ed and talked to juveniles at the scene, who agreed to shut down the situation.

1:44 a.m. — La Grande police booked Timothy Hanshaw into the Union County Correctional Facility, La Grande, on charges of felony fourth-degree assault.

8:13 a.m. — La Grande police booked Michael Trumbo into the Union County Correctional Facility on charges of felony fourth-degree assault and felony possession of methamphetamine.

9:32 a.m. — La Grande police booked Martin Damion into the Union County Correctional Facility on charges of felony fourth-degree assault.

12:03 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of fraud on the 2800 block of Second Street. An officer responded and took down information.

7:40 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1000 block of Y Avenue on a report of a domestic disturbance. Police took a report.

8:22 p.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1200 block of Eighth Street on a report of a domestic disturbance. Officers separated the parties involved.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

## Free Excel classes in November

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LA GRANDE — Training & Employment Consortium is offering free interactive Excel classes in November. The classes will be held online and include hands-on exercises.

A one-day class for beginners is Nov. 10 that will cover the basics of developing spreadsheets, entering formulas and enhancing documents. Intermediate Excel is a five-day course (Nov. 12, 16, 18, 19, 24) to review formulas; cover creating graphs and absolute function and more.

Call Glenna at 541-963-7111, Ext. 248 to register.

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